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1. TWO EVENTS, FIRST THE CHINESE TURNDOWN OF A VISA FOR CONGEN HONG KONG OFFICER BOCK TO ACCOMPANY THE SOLID STATE SHYSICS DELEGATION SPONSORED BY THE CSC, AND NOW THE CHINESE MOVE REPORTED IN REF A TO EXCLUDE THE MAYOR OF SAN JUAN, PUERTO RIIO FROM THE US MAYORS DELEGATION SPONSORED BY THE NCUSCR, APPEAR TO US TO OFFER A MOST TIMELY OPPORTUNITY FOR A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY IN RESISTING CHINESE INTERFERENCE IN OUR --THE DEPARTMENT'S AND THE US PRIVATE COMMITTEES'--INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE FACILITAT-ED EXCHANGE PROGRAM. THE OPPORTUNITY WILL BE PARTICULARLY TIMELY IF, AS WE EXPECT, THE CHINESE PROVE UNRESPONSIVE TO USLO'S DEMARCHE, NOW SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, CONCERNING THE USG'S TRAVEL PROBLEMS WITH THE PRC.

2. BEFORE THE RECEIPT OF REF A, WE HAD UNDER CONSIERATION URGING THE DEPARTMENT TO TRY ITS BEST TO PERSUADE THE CSC TO POSTPONE THE VISIT OF THE SOLID STATE PHYSICS DELEGATION IF THE CHINESE MAINTAIN

THEIR REFUSAL OF A VISA FOR BOCK. WE REALIZED THE FEASIBILITY MIGHT BE SLIGHT, JUST AS WE REALIZE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE US PRI-
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VATE COMMITTEES, IN TOTAL CO TRAST TO THEIR PRC COUNTERPARTS,

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HAS AT TIMES BEEN A MAJOR SOFT SPOT IN THE AMERICAN SIDE'S ABILITY TO CO DUCT THE FACILITATED EXCHANGES WITH THE CHINESE ON ANY REAL BASIS OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT. BUT, WE WERE GOING TO ARGUE, AND WE DO NOW, THAT IT IS IN NEITHER THE SHORT NOR THE LONG TERM

INTEREST OF THE US, AS WE TRY TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF INSTI-

TUTIONALIZINGTHE US-PRC RELATIONSHIP, TO GIVE CHINESE OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE'S INTERNAL CONTRADICITIONS MAKE IT SAFE TO TAKE LIGHTLY USG DEMARCHES SUCH AS THE SYSTEMATIC ONE NOW IN THE OFFING.

4. WHATEVER THE CSC'S ATTITUDE MAY HAVE BEEN BEFORE TOWARD THE EVENTUALITY OF A CONTINUED CHINESE TURNDOWN OF BOCK, WE WOULD HOPE THE CHINESE STANCE ON THE PUERTO RICAN MAYOR, ALBEIT AFFECTING ITS SISTER COMMITTEE, WOULD LEAVE THE CSC IN NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS THE TIME IF EVER THERE WAS ONE FOR THE THREE OF US--THE TWO COMMITTEES AND THE USG--TO STAND TOGETHER.

5. THOUGH WE DO NOT THINK THE PRC'S ACTION TOWARD THE MAYORS GROUP WILL COME UP IN THE THURSDAY MEETING WITH LIN PING, WE WILL WANT TO BE PREPARED WITH TALKING POINTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THESE, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER REVISED GUIDANCE FOR THIS MEET-ING, BY COB AUGUST 27 OUR TIME. BUSH

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